CHURCH HISTORY

1897 – Students of Christian Science begin offering regular Sunday meetings in the Lehigh Valley. John Edwards helps form a society in Easton, PA.

1900 – Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schell of Polo, IL introduce Christian Science in Allentown while visiting their cousin, Aaron Huff.

1901 – A Christian Science Society forms in Bethlehem, PA.

1903 – Christian Scientists in Allentown begin meeting informally in the music studio of Professor Edwin Stetzel in the Eckert Building, 812 Hamilton Street. Later the same year, they officially become a Society and relocate their services to the 3rd floor of the Guth Building, 832 Hamilton Street.

1821 – The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Allentown is incorporated in April. In November, 11 members form a second group and begin conducting services in the Central School Building, located between Linden and Turner Streets.

1923 – The new group relocates to 830 Linden Street in April, and is incorporated as Second Church of Christ, Scientist in November. Lauretta Major is Clerk of the new church.

1926 – The two churches merge to form the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Allentown.

1932 – Church services now conducted in the Masonic Temple, 1524 Linden Street.

1933 – The Reading Room is moved to 1025 Hamilton Street.

1941 – A new location, 1533 Hamilton Street, is purchased.

1966 – Construction begins on a new church, located at 3030 Hamilton Street.

1967 – First service at the new location is held on January 1.